

School Visitors

A. Visitors to the Schools

The Stafford County School Board welcomes visits by citizens of the County to their public schools. In order to protect the students, staff and property, visitors during the school day first shall report to the principal's office for authorization to be in the building or on the grounds. The superintendent shall formulate and post in the schools such regulations that are necessary to protect students and property from unauthorized visitors. Law enforcement officers may be called upon to enforce this policy in cases of uncooperative violators.

Parents of students in the schools are encouraged to visit the schools and their children's teachers. However, parents should make arrangements in advance in order to be assured that school personnel will be available to meet with them.

B. Trespassing

No person shall be in a school building or on school grounds during hours of darkness unless the person is on official school business, is participating in a supervised school activity, is authorized by an administrator, is attending an activity open to the public or is a member of facilities. Unauthorized persons loitering upon school property may be treated as trespassers.

Persons who use school facilities and who create a disturbance or commit an act or acts of vandalism may be treated as trespassers.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1997

Code of Va., §18.2-128. Trespass upon church or school property.—A. It shall be unlawful for any person, without the consent of some person authorized to give such consent, to go or enter upon, in the nighttime, the premises or property of any church or upon any school property any purpose other than to attend a meeting or service held or conducted in such church or school property.

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B. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether or not a student, to enter upon or remain upon any school property in violation of (i) any direction to vacate the property by a person authorized to give such direction or (ii) any posted notice which contains such information, posted at a place where it reasonably may be seen. Each, time such person enters upon or remains on the posted premises or after such direction that person refuses to vacate school property, it shall constitute a separate offense.

C. Any person violating the provisions of (i) subsection A shall be guilty of a Class # misdemeanor, except that any person, other than a parent, who violates subsection B with the intent to abduct a student shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

D. For purposes of this section, "school property" includes a school bus as defined in §46.2-100. (Code 1950, §18.1-182; 1960, c. 358; 1975, cc. 14, 15; 1988, c. 497; 1989, c. 680; 1993, c. 961; 1994, c. 326; 1995, cc. 493, 642.)

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